

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Committee
Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting
February 20, 2025**

The Committee Members of the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Committee of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, in the counties of Churchill and Lyon, State of Nevada, met in regular session at the office of the District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada, on **Thursday, February 20, 2025** at 9:00 a.m.

The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Robert Oakden Joseph Gomes Ben Shawcroft Cody Biggs	Vice-Chairman Committee Member General Manager/Committee Member Const. & Maint. Mgr/Committee Member
Absent:	David Stix, Jr. Kelly Herwick	Chairman District Water Master/Committee Member
Others Present:	Helen-Marie Morrow Ariel Tomb	Finance Manager Clerical Assistant

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Unknown Number	

In-Person Guests	Representing
Mike Reynolds	Self
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation

The following agenda items are not necessarily in the order they were heard or decided but in the order as appearing on the agenda.

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Oakden.
2. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**
A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the February 20, 2025 O&M Committee Meeting Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Biggs, request for comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.
3. **Public Comment**
No public comment.
4. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**
No miscellaneous correspondence.

5. **General Manager & Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that staff are preparing for the season. There has been little rain which is prompting discussions of starting the season early. The District's federal grants are still on hold.

• **Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager**

Biggs reported the concrete crew is finishing up the last of the structure replacements. He has a crew at Diversion cleaning, Billy has begun spraying pre-emergent on the V, A and L-Line canals, the drots are cleaning ditches, and three new hire ditchriders are out burning. Gate exercises at Diversion are scheduled for next Wednesday. Biggs is interviewing two candidates for the mechanic position on Monday.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**

Solinski was not present to report, but Shawcroft reported that he is hard at work installing the 26' Drop runners.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick was not present to report.

• **Rachel Enox, Water Accounting Manager**

Enox was not present to report.

• **Helen-Marie Morrow, Finance Manager**

Morrow was present but had no report.

6. **Damage Claims Submitted**

No damage claims submitted.

7. **Incidents & Accidents**

No incidents or accidents to report.

8. **New Applications Received**

- **24-009 NV Energy – Easement Encroachment, 1200 Fremont Ln, Fernley, NV**
(For Information Only)
Tractor Supply location, they had to move the location of the power pole from the original map, the Bureau makes everyone submit new applications. Biggs has no problem with it.
- **25-001 NV Energy – Easement Encroachment, 5218 Bottom Rd, Fallon, NV**
(For Information Only)
Table for more information, bring back
- **25-002 Nathan Wadsworth – Pipe Crossing, 475 S. Crook Rd, Fallon, NV**
Biggs introduced the project, Wadsworth bought a field across from his home. The crossing is to access that field. Biggs has no problem with the project.

A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve application 25-002 subject to BOR approval, seconded by Committee Member Biggs, request for comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Bureau of Reclamation Representative(s)

Robert Owen and Jason Villareal, Bureau of Reclamation, were present but had no report.

10. Community Updates:

- **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Representative(s)**

No representative was present to report. Martinez, BOR, reported that there is a pre-season meeting scheduled for next Thursday, and the Land & Water Director position is open again.

- **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) Representative(s)**

No representative was present to report.

- **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Representative(s)**

No representative was present to report.

- **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Representative(s)**

No representative was present to report.

11. Review of Fence Permit held by Jeremy Reynolds

Review of the existing permit and Mr. Reynolds request to move the location of the fence within the easement.

Shawcroft opened the discussion; this item is based off an existing permit for a fence within the easement. Shawcroft added that going forward, requiring written permission from the property owner will be incorporated into the Policy for construction applications should the location of the project not be on the applicants property.

Mr. Reynolds is seeking to move the location of the fence to the south side of the ditch. There is an ongoing dispute between Reynolds, the property owner to the North and Churchill County regarding this fence. Reynolds would like to build the fence right next to the ditch on the south side, as the north side is open and provides access to the ditch for the District. Biggs commented that District practice is not to allow fences within 20 ft of the center line of the ditch. Mr. Reynolds commented that putting a fence at that distance would effectively create a 10 ft road between the fence and the ditch and anyone will be able to access his property.

A motion was made by Committee Member Shawcroft to not allow the fence within 20 ft of the center line of the ditch, seconded by Committee Member Biggs, request for comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

12. Consent Agenda

- Approval of O&M Committee Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2024 conducted at the District office, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon Nevada.

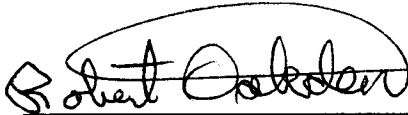
A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Biggs, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

13. **Additional Period of Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

14. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. subject to the call of the Committee Vice-Chairman.



Robert Oakden, Vice-Chairman

5/15/25

Date